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Joint Chapters Meeting Notice CIROA IL33 & HOIMOAA IL09



Date: 15 SEP 2026

Location: Lariat Steakhouse, 2232 W. Glen Ave, Peoria, IL 61614

Time: 1800 Social Time
1830 Meeting Starts; Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance; Order Dinner

Program: Presentation of Plaque in Honor of GEN Shalikashvili, USA to Bradley U. where he attended college following graduating from Peoria H.S. and before entering the Army.

Guest Speakers: IL State Rep Dan Swanson (IL 71)
Lee Lopez, MOWW Chapter Cmdr, Presenter
Dr. Rob Prescott, BU Plaque Recipient
MG Rodney Boyle, ILNG AG

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED!!

BY SUNDAY, 13 SEP 26, contact MAJ Jackson at 309-676-1602 (Office), 309-657-3203 (mobile), or email: jacksonfinancial@yahoo.com with names and number of attendees. HEADCOUNT IS IMPORTANT FOR STAFFING, FOOD AND SEATING.

Volunteers needed to fill Leadership vacancies on the Board of Joint Chapters.



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Meeting & Program Schedule 2026-2027

15 SEP - Joint Chapters Meeting - Honoring GEN Shalikashvili With MOWW Trophy to Bradley U.

6 OCT - Joint Chapters Board Mtng.

20 OCT - Joint Chapters Mtng

3 NOV - Joint Chapters Board Mtng

17 NOV - Joint Chapters Mtng
(HOLIDAY Break)

5 JAN 2027 - Joint Chapters Board Mtng

19 JAN - Joint Chapters Mtng

2 FEB - Joint Chapters Board Mtng

16 FEB - Joint Chapters Mtng

2 MAR - Joint Chapters Board Mtng

16 MAR - Joint Chapters Mtng

6 APR - Joint Chapters Board Mtng

20 APR - Joint Chapters Mtng

4 MAY - Joint Chapters Board Mtng

18 MAY - Joint Chapters Mtng

SUMMMER BREAK

nil further notice, Board Meetings will be held virtually by Zoom at 1900 hrs on the first Tuesday of the month, and Membership Meetings in person, at Lariat Steakhouse, 2232 W. Glen Ave, Peoria, IL 61614, on the third Tuesday of the month at 1800hrs.(Zoom available to those who can't attend in person.)



Remote Zoom Meeting Instructions

To join the meeting online from home, click on link below.:

Meeting ID: 863 9521 9434

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86395219434?pwd=EC5FZ38F9zQcgKpbvLRWXMtRpWOLx7.1>

SEP Meeting Program

MOWW Board Member, COL Mike Peck has arranged for Rep. Dan Swanson, State Rep. IL-71 to present Bradley University with a memorial plaque for GEN John Shalikashvili, USA, as a graduate of the university, following his graduation from Peoria H.S.. The general's family migrated to Peoria from Poland to escape the Communist takeovers. MOWW is sponsoring the plaque

Other invited dignitaries may also speak.

TAPS

None to Report

SEP Meeting Guest Speaker

Rep Dan Swanson, IL71

Upcoming Meeting Concerns

In a phone conversation today with the Banquet Coordinator at Lariat Steakhouse, I learned that they are having concerns about the food requests at the recent meetings.

Unlike many other locations where we could meet, the Lariat does not charge for the room, etc.. They depend on the food charges to pay for staffing, etc..

She noted that some attendees ordered Soup & Salad, even though it was not on the abbreviated menu that the board agreed to. Please keep in mind that revenue is important to our hosts! And, to us as well!!

Dinner Menu for 15 SEP

BBQ Baby Back Ribs: 1/2 Rack \$28/

Full Rack: \$36

Chopped Sirloin: \$27

Pork Chop: \$35

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Legislative Report

Legislation 26-9

In recognition of the reality that Congress will not be able to pass a budget by October 1, they have put in another temporary extension so they will have until early December to pass a bunch of bills which they will probably delay again. The reality is that anything that is not acted on by the time the new congress convenes is set back and begins all over again.

That means that that the MAJ Richard Star act, which will resolve any VA rated disability payment being deducted from retired military pay – a gross injustice. This now has over 19,000 letters but requires 20,000 to get it to the floor. We need an additional 500 letters to get it to the floor. Your help is needed!

To write is simple, go to the MOAA page, click on advocacy, select legislative action, and Support our wounded Warriors and it will write the letter for you.

Reginald Bernard, LTC USA Ret - Acting Legislative Chair



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